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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Schlager et al.

Art Unit: 1631

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Examiner: Mary Zeman

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For: "Automated Method of Identifying and Archiving Nucleic Acid Sequences"

**Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2003, applicant requests reconsideration of the application in light of the following amendments and remarks. The three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 19, 2003 has been extended one month to October 19, 2003 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time.